

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A control apparatus for an internal combustion engine, comprising:

a plurality of intake air amount control devices which control an amount of air drawn into a combustion chamber in association with a depression stroke of an accelerator pedal; and

a controller which delays, by a delay period, a response of each of the intake air amount control devices with respect to a depression of the accelerator pedal.
2. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the delay period is set such that timings when the intake air amount control devices affect an amount of air drawn into the combustion chamber coincide with one another.
3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the delay period is a sum of a control-holding period for each of the intake air amount control devices and a response delay period thereof, and

the controller sets the control-holding period for each of the intake air amount control devices such that delay periods for the intake air amount control devices coincide with one another.
- 4-10. (Cancelled)
11. (Original) A method of controlling an intake air amount of an internal combustion engine which is provided with a plurality of intake air amount control devices which control an amount of air drawn into a combustion chamber, comprising the steps of:

delaying, by a delay period, a response of each of the intake air amount control devices with respect to a depression of the accelerator pedal.

12. (Cancelled)